

House Resolution No. 1074

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State government employees who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements in life; and

Whereas, Vernon Morris has attained considerable distinction as the Operations Manager for the Missouri Office of Administration; and

Whereas, Vernon Morris recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he contacted state and federal authorities to convey information about subcontracted workers for the state who were thought to be illegal immigrants; and

Whereas, thanks in large measure to the willingness of Vernon Morris to step forward and declare his suspicions, twenty-five janitorial service workers were taken into custody and transported to Kansas City for further proceedings; and

Whereas, Vernon Morris based his actions on repeated rumors that he heard as Operations Manager concerning contractual employees in Jefferson City state office buildings; and

Whereas, each of the detained individuals previously had allegedly submitted fraudulent Social Security cards and immigration papers indicating that they had permanent residency in the United States before they were hired to clean state office buildings for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the State Health Lab, and other agencies; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri state employees as Vernon Morris:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and career of Vernon Morris and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendations of his actions that led to the arrest of numerous subcontracted employees of several state agencies for immigration violations, Social Security fraud, and identity theft; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Operations Manager Vernon Morris of the Missouri Office of Administration.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Roorda
District No. 102

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1074, adopted March 8, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker